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Re: Comments to Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Centennial Gateway Mixed-use Project

Dear Yen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed mixed-use project at 5120 Stars and Stripes Drive in Santa Clara. This letter includes all City of Sunnyvale comments to the project NOP.

The following comments cover issues the City of Sunnyvale would like to be discussed in the DEIR:

A. General Questions and Comments:

- 1. Please provide a discussion of how the proposed project works with the 49er stadium parking and traffic circulation plan, especially during construction of the proposed project.
- 2. We also request that the City of Santa Clara provide outreach to Sunnyvale residents, and that the notice area be expanded if the traffic impacts show serious impacts to the nearby Sunnyvale neighborhoods.

B. Traffic and Transportation Input for the Notice of Preparation:

- 1. The City of Sunnyvale uses criteria found within the VTA Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines as a basis for determining study intersections. It is likely that project trips would travel to and from the west through intersections located within the City of Sunnyvale. Accordingly, municipal and CMP intersections with ten or more project trips per lane added to any intersection movement should be analyzed.
- 2. The project site is located near the City of Sunnyvale's eastern border. Relevant approved projects within Sunnyvale and other neighboring jurisdictions need to be included in the study estimates of the Background traffic volumes. This is consistent with the VTA TIA Guidelines. Please

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contact the City of Sunnyvale to get a list of approved projects to include in the study.

- 3. Similarly, pending projects within Sunnyvale and other neighboring municipalities and/or the application of an annual growth rate need to be incorporated in the Cumulative traffic volume estimates in order to reflect the growth in both the local and regional traffic. Please contact the City of Sunnyvale to get a list of pending projects to include in the study.
- 4. Since this project is just north of the 49er Stadium, a game day scenario should be included in the analysis.

The City of Sunnyvale appreciates your consideration of the requested study scope elements described above. Please contact me at 408 730-7707 (aminer@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions or concerns about items discussed in this letter.

Sincerely,

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